



The Fisher German Harborough Ride 2018

Organised by The Harborough Hunts Club

Saturday 24 March 2018 at 12 noon

Instructions & Rules

1. The Harborough Hunts Club Ride 2018 will take place over a grass course in the Saddington Vale. The course will be about 3.5 miles long with approximately 25 to 30 fences, over good hunting country.
2. There will be a section in every fence that is no larger than the average size fence you would encounter on a day's hunting in that area. Therefore the Ride will be suitable for those who wish to have a pleasant ride across country at their own pace on a fit horse, as well as those who wish to compete for the prizes.
3. Prizes will be awarded in 3 separate classes, Heavyweight, Middleweight and Lightweight. Members must carry a minimum of the following weights, to include their saddle and breastplate, but NOT the horse's bridle or the rider's hat.

Heavyweight minimum 14st 0 lbs

Middleweight minimum 12st 7 lbs

Lightweight minimum 11st 7 lbs

Weighing scales will be available at Control before the start of the ride.

4. **All those who complete the course must weigh in afterwards at the finish.** Any competitor failing to weigh in within 15 minutes of finishing will be disqualified.
5. Members must enter in the correct class and **will not be permitted to change weight class** after entries have closed or on the day. The minimum age is 16 years. **Entries must be received by Wednesday 21 March 2018.**
6. All members will be asked to contribute **£60**, up to the closing date for entries which is on **Wednesday 21 March**. Fernie and Pytchley Hunt Members may enter (up to the closing date) at a reduced cost of £50. No contribution will be refunded after the closing date, unless the place is taken by someone on the waiting list. Remittances must accompany entries (otherwise the entry will not be valid).
7. The Ride will be **limited to 50 members**. If the entry list is full, members may be placed on the waiting list, but only on receipt of an entry form together with the full fee (refundable in full in the event of non-participation).
8. There will also be a 'Fun Ride' which will take place over smaller fences adjacent to part of the main course. It will be over approximately 2 miles and about 18 fences (this may be reduced due to ground conditions). It will start immediately after the last competitive rider in the main Ride has gone through that part of the course, and **will be under a Field Master**. There will be no result and no prizes for the Fun Ride. Entries must be made in advance and before taking part. Entry fee **£35**. There is no age limit for the Fun Ride, but younger participants should be capable riders and preferably accompanied.

Rules 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 will also apply to those taking part in the Fun Ride.

9. Numbers will be issued at Control before the start against **a deposit of £10, which should be added to the entry fee** and which will be refunded at Control after the finish. It is important to ensure that the number cloths are returned directly to the Secretary at the finish. No deposit is required for the Fun Ride numbers, but riders taking part in the Fun Ride should collect a number beforehand from Control.
10. Full details of the course including a plan, together with instructions about horse boxes and parking will be **emailed only**, about 2 to 3 days before the event.

11. Members are particularly reminded that **horses should be fully fit to run over about 3.5 miles** before being entered, and may be subject to a veterinary inspection. **Similarly for the Fun Ride.**
12. All members **must walk the course** before taking part in the main Ride.
13. The organisers reserve the right to ask any rider to stop during the Ride, if the horse or rider is considered unfit to continue for any reason.
14. **Crash hats** to current recognised British or European Safety Standards suitable for cross country riding, must be worn by **all** members taking part in the Ride. Hats must meet with one of the following standards – British All PAS15, VG1 or European VG1 provided they are BSI Kitemarked. Competitors are strongly recommended to check their hats regularly and to replace them if damaged or following a fall. All those mounted at the Ride (including grooms and helpers) must wear a hard hat complying with the above standard.
15. All competitors must also wear a British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) approved and appropriately labelled Level 3 **body protector** manufactured in the year 2000 or after. Air jackets must be worn with an approved body protector.
16. Tack carried by the horse should be suitably marked to ensure that loose horses are quickly returned to their owners.
17. Members participate in the Ride entirely at their own risk. Neither the organisers nor the owners of the land, whose kindness makes this event possible, accept any liability for accidents to members or their horses or their vehicles.
18. In the event of cancellation we will notify members by email. Notices will also be posted on social media. 80% of the fee will be refunded in the event of cancellation.
19. All 3 weight classes will start simultaneously – there will be no staggered start.
20. The organisers reserve the right to disqualify anyone found guilty of unsuitable conduct.
21. The overall winner of the Ride will be awarded the 'Charlie' Challenge Cup, which was generously donated to the Club by Sir Stephen Hastings to commemorate the 3 victories of his great horse 'Charlie'.
22. The Paget Cup, kindly presented by the Paget family in memory of our founder, will be awarded to the winner of the Heavyweight Class.
23. The Duke of Beaufort's Cup will be awarded to the winner of the Middleweight Class.
24. The Gibson Cup will be awarded to the first 'young rider' of 21 years of age or under (on the day of the Ride) to complete the course within the first 20 finishers.
25. The Farmers Cup will be awarded to the first full subscriber to complete the course, from either the Fernie or Pytchley Hunts, who lives in or immediately adjacent to these countries.
26. A prize will be donated by Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) to the leading former racehorse registered with RoR, to complete the course within the first 20 finishers. The horse must run under its former racing name. The rider must state their horse's 'Racing Name' and RoR Registration Number at the point of entry. A prize will NOT be awarded if the Secretary is not notified in advance of the above requirements. Former racehorses who are not already registered can be registered at www.ror.org.uk at any time prior to the closing date for entries.
27. Rosettes will be awarded to the first 15 finishers in the Main Ride.
28. The prize giving will take place at Control after the race at about 12.45pm.
29. Food and drink will be available at Control.

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